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SUBJ: PROJECT GALAXIA

1. EMBASSY, IF IT HAS NO OBJECTION, IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN ARGENTINE CONCURRENCE IN EXTENSION OF THE GALAXIA 1973 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SPACE RESEARCH (COMISION NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACIONES ESPACIALES (CNIE) AND THE UNIVERSITY CORPORATION FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH (UCAR) TO APRIL 30, 1974. ALL PROVISIONS OF THE GALAXIA 1973 AGREEMENT CONCERNING RESPONSIBILITIES, REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS AND LIABILITY INSURANCE WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE FOR THIS EXTENDED PERIOD.

2. DR. ROBERT C. HAYMES OF RICE UNIVERSITY HAD PLANNED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GALAXIA 73 PROGRAM IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1973. DUE TO UNEXPECTED INSTRUMENT PROBLEMS, HE WAS FORCED TO POSTPONE HIS FLIGHTS. HE HAS REQUESTED THE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC BALLOON FACILITY TO PROVIDE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FOR TWO BALLOON FLIGHTS TO BE CONDUCTED IN ARGENTINA BETWEEN MARCH 15 AND APRIL 7, 1974.

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3. FLIGHT PARTICULARS ARE AS FOLLOWS: INVESTIGATOR,

ROBERT C. HAYMES; LAUNCH SITE, PARANA OR RIO CUARTO;
NUMBER OF FLIGHTS, TWO; BALLOON VOLUME 15,600,000 CU FT;

PAYLOAD, 2140; ALTITUDE, 3.5 MBS; DURATION, 30 HOURS;
SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVE, MEASUREMENT OF LOW ENERGY GAMMA
RADIATION FROM SEVERAL SELECTED CELESTIAL SOURCES IN THE
SOUTHERN SKIES; TIME SCHEDULE, MARCH 15-APRIL 7, 1974.

4. ARGENTINE APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST IS REQUIRED BY
FEB 10, 1974, IN ORDER FOR THE NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC BALLOON
FACILITY TO MEET THE LATEST AVAILABLE SHIPPING DATE OF
FEBRUARY 14 FROM THE PORT OF HOUSTON. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT
RECOGNIZES PROBLEMS FOR ALL CONCERNED STEMMING FROM
SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR DECISION AND LEAVES IT TO
EMBASSY'S DISCRETION WHETHER WE SHOULD PRESS THIS MATTER
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